

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
APRIL 20, 2005**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

Call to Order.

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Councilmembers	
John Schroeder	Present
Bradley Seger	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present
Renee Kabrick	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the members of the legislative body must be in attendance. All seven of the members were in attendance; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge. Mayor Schmitt then invited all those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. Regular monthly common council meeting held March 23, 2005.
2. March 23, 2005 6:40 p.m. public hearing concerning the petition of Ack Inc. and Bruce Speer to rezone .78 acres located south of State Road 162, east of Lube Way Road from I-2 to B-3.
3. March 23, 2005 6:50 p.m. public hearing concerning the annexation of 5.55 acres located south of Third Avenue, west of A Street.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter and seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Friends of the Arts. Bob Steffe, Nancy Larkin, Flora Stenftenagel and Jeanne Campbell, members of Friends of the Arts, were present. Mr. Steffe thanked the Council for its many years of support of the Arts and hoped for a continuation in the future. He stated that the purpose of the group was to help with funding for such organizations as the Community Arts Commission, the Strings program, and the Writers Guild. Ms. Campbell stated that she believes the arts are for a lifetime. Mayor Schmitt then thanked the group for coming and said he appreciated the group's time, talent and financial assistance.

Utility Service Board. Utility Service Board Chairman Greg Krodel presented a report of the regular monthly meeting held on April 18, 2005. Copies of the minutes were supplied to each council member. There was some discussion concerning the status of the repairs on the generator stator and rotor. Chairman Krodel stated that the rotor rewind repair would cost between \$275,000.00 and \$300,000.00 and that the generator should be back in operation by June 1, 2005.

Ordinance No. 2005-6 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA (Hochgesang Area).

Ordinance No. 2005-6 annexes 5.55 acres located south of Third Avenue, west of A Street.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter, seconded by Councilmember Bradley Seger, and unanimously approved, the ordinance was ordered read on second reading by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, upon motion made by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Randall Buchta, the ordinance was unanimously approved on the second reading.

During discussion, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein reported that the ordinance was introduced and a fiscal plan adopted on February 23, 2005. A public hearing was held on March 23, 2005. She also stated that if the ordinance is adopted, there would be a 30-day remonstrance period, after publication, before becoming effective.

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilmember John Schroeder, seconded by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter, and unanimously carried, it was moved to have the ordinance read on third and final reading by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Renee Kabrick, Ordinance No. 2005-6 was unanimously approved on the third and final reading.

Ordinance No. 2005-8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005.

Ordinance No. 2005-8, designates an additional appropriation for the Riverboat Fund to be used towards the ROJAC project. (The ordinance was adopted March 23, 2005 but the publication of a Notice to Taxpayers about the additional appropriation was inadvertently omitted; therefore the ordinance needed to be re-adopted)

Mayor Schmitt announced that a Notice to Taxpayers concerning the additional appropriation appeared in the Herald on March 30, 2005. The Mayor also asked for public comments before considering the ordinance. There were no public comments received.

Upon motion by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Renee Kabrick and unanimously approved, it was moved to read the ordinance for one reading only. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter, seconded by Councilmember Bradley Seger and unanimously approved, it was moved to have the ordinance read by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, upon motion made by Councilmember Randall Buchta, seconded by Councilmember Renee Kabrick it was moved to pass and re-adopt Ordinance No. 2005-8. The measure passed 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2005-9 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1988-36, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONNECTION TO AND USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDING SEWERS, AND THE DISCHARGE OF WATERS AND WASTES INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

Ordinance No. 2005-9 requires the inspection of property for proper sanitary sewer connection prior to the change of ownership.

The ordinance was introduced upon motion by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Renee Kabrick, and unanimously approved, to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter and seconded

by Councilmember John Schroeder, Ordinance No. 2005-9 was unanimously approved on first reading.

During discussion, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein reported that the Utility Service Board had recommended the ordinance. Mayor Schmitt stated that a public hearing would be held prior to the next council meeting on May 18, 2005.

Mill Street/Common Drive. Councilmember Bradley Seger asked about the status of the extension of Common Drive that would allow traffic to travel from the newly constructed portion of Mill Street to the Wal-Mart and Home Depot stores. Seger said several people have approached him saying they thought the City was going to build that extension but he informed them that it is the developer’s responsibility. Mayor Schmitt responded that he would ask Building Commissioner David Seger to contact the developer, Horne Properties, concerning the status of this street project.

Clerk-Treasurer conference. Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm reported on the seminar she had attended that day given by the State Board of Accounts and the Department of Local Government Finance. Boehm said the City of Jasper’s Management’s Discussion and Analysis [MD&A} and the financial statements for the year 2003 were distributed as an illustration and guide to more than 320 people attending the conference. Boehm said the fact that Jasper’s information was used as a sample, speaks highly of the employees, namely Sharon Sander and Linda McGovren, who work in the City’s finance departments.

Dubois County Air Quality Work Group. Councilmember Renee Kabrick reported that she and Councilmembers Randall Buchta, John Schroeder and Raymond Howard had attended the Dubois County Air Quality Work Group meeting that day at the Jasper Chamber of Commerce office. She stated that results from the air quality monitor that is located on top of the Post Office would be sent to the Mayor. Kabrick also recommended obtaining some “no idling” signs and placing them at the Post Office and the Square. She said Styline Corporation in Huntingburg has made such signs. Mayor Schmitt responded that he would ask Street Commissioner Eckerle to look into the possibility of signs.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

**William J. Schmitt, Mayor
Presiding Officer**

ATTEST:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary